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WHO BUILDS OUR NAVY

SELECTIONS MADE BY NAVAL BUREAU CHIEFS.

Chicago's Irish Regiment Proof Against Fever—Shafter Expected to Be Assigned to California—Soldiers at Camp Wikoff Too Weak For Parade.

Midtown, Pa., Sept. 9.—Secretary Alger and General Shafter were at Camp Meade today. They witnessed a review of the troops and made a hurried tour of the camp. General Alger resumed his journey at noon to Detroit and General Shafter went to Washington. They were escorted together an hour this morning in the secretary's private car, which was run on to a siding at Camp Meade station. While at the station, General Shafter was seen by the review. Secretary Alger and General Shafter had another conference, lasting a minute. What passed between them neither would say except that it was a private affair. General Shafter said the secretary was very kind and that they had been in the civil war together as comrades. He is at work on his report of the Santiago campaign and expects to complete it tomorrow. Speaking of the controversy with General Miles, he said:

"It is all poppycock. There is no friction between General Miles and myself. I don't think there was when he left Santiago. Our relations have always been pleasant and I do not understand the monstrous idea that General Miles and I may have been talking, but I believe that much of it is due to antagonism between the press and the army."

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